

# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### January 2017 Newsletter



Rev. Dr. Kris Peterson – Interim Pastor

**Worship Schedule**

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Blended Service 9:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM

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Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

#### *From the Interim Pastor*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven . . .*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Soon we will be celebrating the beginning of a new year – 2017. It is a good time for us as individuals as well as members of a faith community to pause and reflect on the past year – how we have been blessed, affirmed and enlivened as well as how we have been challenged to grow. This is especially relevant for me as I say “goodbye” to you – God’s beloved people of St. Luke’s—on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

In October 2014 I began my ministry with you as your interim pastor. I have journeyed with you in times of joy and celebration as well as in times of loss and heartbreak. We have shared our laughter and our tears. It has been a blessing to have accompanied you in the many changes of life – changes that were unexpected and uninvited as well as those that were anticipated and welcomed. Through all we have experienced together the faithfulness of our gracious God.

A number of years ago I led a retreat on “Embracing Change.” As part of the retreat I invited the group to draw their image of “change”. I remember one drawing of a picture of a tree. On one side were bright leaves with the words “optimistic,” “refreshing,” “new challenges.” On the other side were darker leaves with the words “unknown,” “anxiety,” “fear.” In the middle was a leaf with a question mark. The drawing reminded me of a prayer. . . .

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage knowing that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

In the next year you do not know how you either personally or as a congregation will be surprised or challenged. But we do know wherever the journey leads, God will be faithful in His promise to companion us every step of the way.

I pray God’s richest blessing upon you – God’s beloved people of St. Luke’s – as we say “goodbye.” You are a congregation with a rich past who has come to the present day trusting in the promises of God, ready to face the challenge of the future. It has been my joy and sacred privilege to have shared the journey.

With deep gratitude,  
Pastor Kris

### January Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Jan. 1	LESSONS AND CAROLS			
Jan. 8	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Jan. 15	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan. 22	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Jan. 29	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Feb. 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a,(9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9 (10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20

## TRANSITION UPDATE

The Congregational profile has been withdrawn from the UCC website. The profile will be revised using information gained from the survey which was recently mailed to all St. Luke's members, the profile will be submitted again in the early spring. Please continue to pray for members of the Search Committee Jim Narrigan, Nancy Leneweaver, Bonnie Neiman, Becci Richardson, Carrie Krentz and Dave Carl as they continue discerning the pastoral needs of the Congregation.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual January Budget Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2017** after worship service. We need to hear your opinions and concerns for our upcoming year. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting. The main agenda item is discussing and voting on the 2017 Budget.

## 275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



Next year St. Luke's will be celebrating it's 275th Anniversary. John Kimmich and Nancy Claycomb-Morris are co-chairing the Anniversary Committee which also includes Betsy Fisher, Janet Kimmich, Corie Bowers and Bridgie Daller. The committee will soon be meeting to plan events for 2017.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Hearts are touched as Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between January 18-25 between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. The theme for 2017 is "Reconciliation - The Love Of Christ Compels Us." The Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium is sponsoring a **community service of Christian Unity on January 15 at 2:30pm at Evansburg United Methodist Church**. Come and pray that we may all be one!

January 10	Fred Litchert
	Madeline Kelly
January 12	Ryan Ruckle
January 19	Kyle Pry
January 20	Tom Lloyd
	Sue Kelly



January 24	Cheryl Carpenter
January 25	Keeley Davidson
January 27	Kathy Narrigan
January 28	Beverly Spaid
January 31	Fred Reichert
	John Kimmich

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, January 1 we gather for a Service of Lessons and Carols. We hear the words of the prophets. We sing of God's promises. We place our hope in Emmanuel—God with us. This is a wonderful way in which to start the new year.



## COME ONE COME ALL



To Pastor Kris's Farewell "Roast" Brunch on **Sunday, January 15, 2017** after worship.  
We will be in our NEW Moyer Hall.  
Come and relive some of the events that happened during her tenure with St. Luke's.  
We would love to hear any and all "stories" you may have about her.  
A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## EVERYONE INVITED

Everyone is invited to take down Christmas decorations on  
**Saturday, January 7 at 9:00am.**  
Many Hands Make Light Work!!! Coffee and doughnuts provided.



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00pm**  
For the book "Carrying Albert Home" by Homer Hickam.  
You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library.

## WHITE ELEPHANT BREAKFAST



*White Elephant  
Breakfast*

**The annual White Elephant Breakfast** will be held at O'Grady's in Phoenixville.  
Give up those "wonderful treasures" that are just collecting dust (nothing over \$10.00)  
and bring them to exchange for fun.  
**We will meet at 10:00am** with gifts in hand.  
See you there on **Saturday, January 14, 2017.**  
Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST



Our monthly Women's Breakfast for January will be our White Elephant Breakfast at O'Grady's in Phoenixville. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

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But come February join us back on the second Thursday of the month at the Spring-Ford Diner in Spring City at 9:00am at the St. Luke's table.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.



## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The women of St. Luke's meet each month on the second and fourth Tuesday at 9:30am for Bible Study. We are starting a new series learning more about Jeremiah. We have a time for coffee and snacks and fellowship followed by Bible study, discussion and prayer. Please join us when ever you can. You do not need to be an expert in the Bible; we all

learn together as God grants us His guidance. If you are interested in coming, please call me so I can provide the lesson material for you.

Beverly Spaid 610-489-9770

## LET'S COLOR

Coloring books are no longer just for the kids. In fact, adult coloring books are seen everywhere these days. Coloring has the potential to reduce stress, create focus and bring mindfulness. Just like meditation, coloring allows us to switch off our brains from other thoughts and focus on the moment.



Coloring enthusiasts claim that coloring makes them feel calmer, mentally clearer, happier and more relaxed.

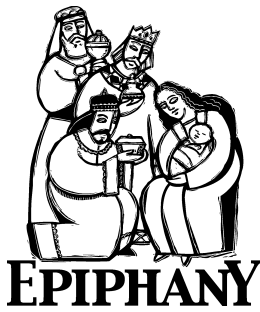
Our next gathering is **Saturday, January 7th from 11am - 1pm**. We will meet after un-decorating the church, when we really need to relax. We will have pizza for lunch as long as you don't get any on your colored paper!! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, kindness, meals, phone calls, prayers and transportation upon the passing of Doug.

The family appreciates all of the things that were done.  
The Miller Family, Linda, Karen, Steve, Becky and Mike.





## **EPIPHANY**

The word *epiphany* comes from a Greek noun meaning “shining forth,” “manifestation,” or “revelation.” In the church year the season of Epiphany celebrates the many ways through signs, miracles, and preaching that Jesus’ identity as Messiah and Savior of the world is revealed.

Epiphany Day, January 6, falls on the twelfth day after Christmas and signals the conclusion of the twelve days of the Christmas season. It commemorates the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem to worship the Messiah, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Since the earliest days of the church, these wise men have been considered to be representatives of all the peoples of the earth. By means of a miraculous star, God showed them that Jesus was born to be not only the King of the Jews, but the Lord and Savior of all nations.

The Baptism of our Lord is the first Sunday after Epiphany. This important festival is the observance of Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. The words of the Father and the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove as Jesus came out of the waters revealed Him to be God’s true Son.

The Transfiguration of our Lord, the last Sunday after the Epiphany, is a celebration of the moment that Christ, in the company of Moses and Elijah, literally shined His glorious divine nature on Peter, James, and John, leaving them dazed and awestruck. This event, the greatest of Christ’s epiphanies until His triumphant resurrection, serves as the dramatic conclusion of the Epiphany season. Transfiguration Sunday stands in vivid contrast to what takes place just a few days later - Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

In between the two Sundays that mark the Lord’s baptism and transfiguration, the church concentrates on several of the other incidents from Scripture that show how Jesus manifested God’s love to the world through his ministry of preaching, miracles, and healings. What is common to each of these epiphanies is that they make known the identity and mission of Jesus Christ and the all-encompassing and ever-widening sphere of God’s love and compassion.

## **ATTENTION - ATTENTION**

In doing a current mailing, the addresses of member youth is lacking any updates. Please update the addresses of your children so that our church records can be updated.

Thank you, Church Office.

## **AARP TAX HELP**

AARP will again be here at St. Luke’s to help with your taxes if you are over 65. They are here every Monday 9 - Noon from February 6 through April 10. You **MUST** call the Pottstown office to make your appointment for St. Luke’s, that number is 610-323-5009.



# January Sunday Leader Schedule



**Church Access Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Janet Kimmich** to schedule and review tasks.

## 9:30 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
January 1	Becci Richardson, Corie Bowers, Cherie Carpenter, Sue Kelly, Bob Carpenter, Bev Spaid	Sue Kelly	Kim Gray
January 8	Brenda Koehler	Scott Koehler	Brenda Koehler
January 15	Sue Kelly	Pastor Kris	Carrie Krentz
January 22	Becci Richardson	Nancy Leneweaver	Leah Keyser
January 29	Kathy Narrigan	Becci Richardson	Sue Kelly
February 5	Tom Lloyd	Sue Kelly	Nancy Leneweaver

## Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**

**Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the February Newsletter is January 23rd and mailing is January 27th.**



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## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Kim McDowell, The Families of Doug Miller, Kitty Spickard and Pastor Ben DeBenedetto, Louise, Michele Basare, Shirley Wanamaker, Susan Wenrick, Theresa, The Daily Bread Food Bank

**People with on-going conditions and prayer needs:** Arbutus Curvey, Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Bill Loftus, Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa and Victor Thomas, Fred Litchert, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Judy Claycomb, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser, Tricia White Heiser and Tom Hairston.

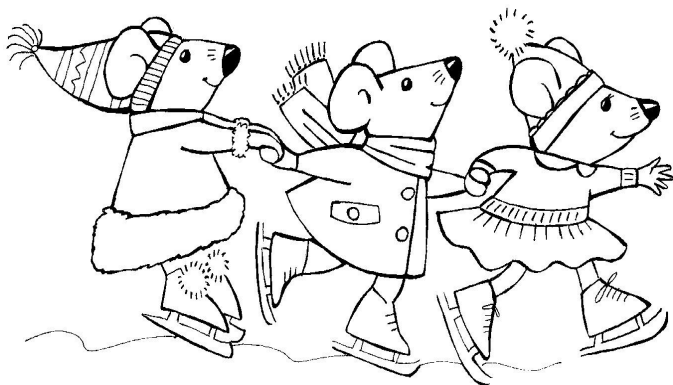


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b> 	<b>2</b>  <b>7:00 Cemetery</b> <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>5:30 Drama Kids</b> <b>7:30 Church and Ministry</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>7:00 Endowment</b>	<b>5</b> <b>12:30 Games</b>  <b>7:00 Finance</b> <b>7:00 Choir</b> <b>7:30 Gamblers</b>	<b>6</b>     <b>11:00 Coloring Retreat</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 Undecorate Church</b>     <b>11:00 Coloring Retreat</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>	<b>9</b>   <b>7:00 Church Life</b> <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:30 Bible Study</b>  <b>5:30 Drama Kids</b>  <b>7:30 Council</b>	<b>11</b>   <b>6:00 Book Club</b> <b>7:00 Orchestra</b>	<b>12</b>   <b>7:00 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Toastmasters</b> <b>7:30 Gamblers</b>	<b>13</b>      	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 Women's</b>  <b>White Elephant Breakfast</b>
<b>15 HEALING SERVICE</b>  <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  <b>11:00 Farewell "Roast" Brunch for Pastor Kris</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b> <b>7:30 Property</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:30 Bible Study</b>  <b>5:30 Drama Kids</b> <b>6:30 Worship and Music</b>	<b>18</b>   <b>7:00 Green bar</b> <b>7:00 College Woods</b> <b>7:00 Orchestra</b>	<b>19</b>   <b>7:00 Choir</b> <b>7:30 Gamblers</b>	<b>20</b>      	<b>21</b>     <b>4:00 4-H Dinner</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>  <b>10:30 Annual Budget Meeting</b>  <b>4:00 Troop #7080</b>	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b>   <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 Bible Study</b>  <b>4:00 Missions</b> <b>5:30 Drama Kids</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 Men's Breakfast</b>   <b>7:00 Orchestra</b>	<b>26</b>   <b>7:00 Choir</b> <b>7:00 Toastmasters</b> <b>7:30 Gamblers</b>	<b>27</b>     <b>NEWSLETTER MAILING</b>	<b>28</b>      
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 Blended Service</b>	<b>30</b>   <b>7:00 Boy Scouts</b>	<b>31</b>   <b>5:30 Drama Kids</b>				

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## **January Newsletter**

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### **St. Luke's Mission Statement**

**Centered in God,  
guided by His Word,  
we share Christ's love with all.**